

PRIEST



THE STORY SO FAR...



The American West has spawned many legends, but none so bloody and tragic as the tale of Ivan Isaac. A newly ordained Catholic priest and scholar, Ivan's first assignment after seminary was to decrypt the *Sanas Perada*, an unholy sarcophagus located in Stonetale Abbey. He managed to unlock the ancient tomb, but at a terrible cost—Not only did he release the fallen archangel Temouzaria from a five hundred year slumber, but he lost his own life, as well as the life of his one true love, Gena.

In order to get revenge against the one who destroyed her life and alone for his sin, Ivan made a pact with the devil Bolal—his soul in exchange for the power to fight the darkness. Now Bolal haunts his footsteps, waiting to take Ivan's body as well. Tormented by evil on all sides, Ivan knows he can never find peace. All that keeps him moving is the flame of rage that burns within him. He's the latest warrior in a war that has been fought for millennia.

Until now this war of the damned has remained hidden from the secular world, but no more. Temouzaria's plague is now corrupting the bodies of all it touches, turning them into the walking dead. Gubarn, a federal marshal, is leading an expedition to get to the bottom of the situation. His key to finding the truth is Lizzie, leader of a band of outlaws who he saved from the gallows. She is the only person to have survived an encounter with Temouzaria's forces. Together they search for Ivan Isaac, the pale-faced preacher who is the only one with the answers they need.

THE CAST OF CHARACTERS

During the war against Lucifer, the archangel Temozarela led the agents of light. In the years that followed, Temozarela watched as God's attention drifted from his seraphim to his new creation—man. Jealousy caused Temozarela and his disciples to abandon their heavenly post and attempt to corrupt humanity to prove the superiority of the seraphim to God. During the Crusades he attempted to begin his plan, but Daniel sealed him in the Demon Period for 500 years. Now, released by Ivan Isaac, Temozarela is free again, but too weak to carry out his dark designs. His disciples have begun sanctifying the ground in the American West, spreading plague and death in preparation for the Unholy Sabbath.

TEMOZARELA

FATHER IVAN DAMO

Ivan Isaac was a young priest with a passion for ancient cultures when he was recruited to study the Demon Period. Little did he know that this mission would be his last — at least his last in life. After helping revive an ancient battle for Heaven and Earth, Ivan and his beloved Gaea were slain. In order to get revenge and atone for endangering the world, Ivan made a pact with the devil Belial: his soul in exchange for a second chance at life ... and supernatural strength. Now Ivan wanders the old west, hunting down Temozarela's disciples and keeping a journal of his tragic tale.

Gaea Isaac was an only child, so her father Jacob adopted Ivan to keep her company. In time the two developed a mutual love that went beyond sibling affection, even to their father's dismay. Jacob sent Ivan to seminary, but the young would-be levite's feelings remained. Before Ivan could act on his feelings, Gaea was captured and killed by agents of Temozarela.

GAEA ISAAC



Havic



Father Lucien

Calvo

Coburn's posse

With the West filled with outlaws, corrupt lawmen and reprehensible townfolk, these companions are the only ones Coburn trusts. Father Lucien is a religious enemy sent to investigate what happened at Stonehale Abbey. Havic is a Civil War veteran and marks who aids Coburn with his heavy gaffing gun. Calvo is an old friend of Coburn's who threw his kindness with deadly accuracy.

Lucie inherited leadership of the Angel Gang from her father. She's loved by her men, and feared by everyone else. She has more of a conscience than some of her fellow outlaws, but her hands are not clean of blood. Her radical world was shattered when her path crossed that of Ivan Huxley. Now trouble seems to be her only friend. A beating, a lynching, even a zombie curse — she just can't seem to get a break these days. During the St. Bridget massacre, she was bitten by one of Transcendia's ponies and her blood now bears his curse.



BELIAL

The devil Belial makes his home in the mortal world so that he may battle the agents of the fallen Arch-Angel Transcendia, who is playing an upheaval of Heaven and Hell. Belial used to be Bethel, a Catholic priest in the Middle Ages when he was a prosecutor in trials of heresy. After Transcendia shattered his faith, Bethel turned himself into the demon Belial in order to get his revenge.

Coburn is the only federal marshal investigating possible links between an outbreak of plague and other mysterious events happening around the Old West. After Lucie is found to be the only survivor of the St. Bridget massacre, Coburn takes her into custody. Together they follow Ivan Huxley, the only one who knows the truth about what's going on.



Lucie





PRIEST

THE PALE RIDER

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A PALE RIDER SICHØRUS





THE
MASTER'S
PLAN IS
NOW IN
MOTION.



WE WILL
MEET
AGAIN...

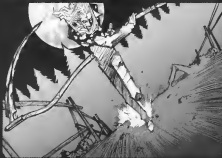


EVER
TRACE.

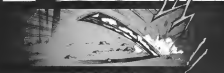
YOUR
PILGRIMAGE
HAS
BEGUN.











DID I NO+
WARN YOU
OF THIS
FATE?



IT WAS YOUR
CURIOSITY--
YOUR PRIDE--
THAT KILLED
HER.





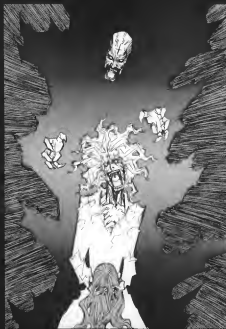


YOUR SOUL
BELONGS TO
ME NOW!!

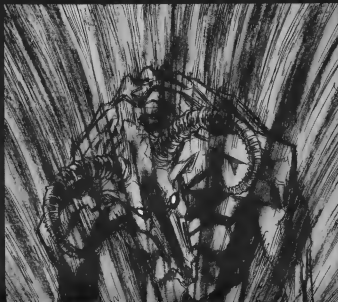
SEEN
AGAIN IN
+R+AL
DARKNESS.
IVAN ISAACS!!!



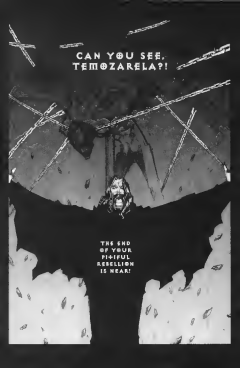










A black and white photograph showing a person hanging from a gallows. The gallows is a simple wooden structure with a crossbar. The person is hanging from the crossbar, their body suspended in the air. Below the gallows, a large crowd of people is visible, their heads and shoulders rising from the bottom of the frame. The scene is set outdoors, with a dark, possibly wooded or grassy area in the background. The overall tone is somber and dramatic.

CAN YOU SEE
TEMØZARELA?!

THE END
OF YOUR
PITIFUL
REBELLION
IS NEAR!





WHY DO YOU
DEFEAT ME?

BUT ONLY BY
SURRENDERING
YOUR BODY
+8 WE CAN
TEMIZARELA
BE SAVED

I HAVE
BROKE YOU
MY POWER...



BYE-BYE

GO TO
HELL

MY
MOM IS
MY GUY

I WILL KEEP MY
CONFIDENTIALITY
UNTIL THE END





I WILL SEE
TEMPERANCE
RETRAINED
WITH MY
OWN EYES



I WILL
UP OUT HIS
HEART AND THE
HEARTS OF ANY
WHO STAND IN
MY WAY

NOT UNTIL
THEN

NOT UNTIL
THEN



BELIAL



YOU WILL NOT
TAKE MY BODY

WHY
DO YOU
RESIST?



OPEN YOUR
BODY TO ME
NOW AND I
WILL LET YOUR
SOUL RETAIN
CONSCIOUSNESS.

IVAN...



YOU CAN
MOVE TO
ANY OF
THESE
CELLS.

REFUSE
ME NOW
AND YOU
GUARANTEE...

...PERPETUAL
VICTORY.

AAAAH!

ARGHHH!



YOU HAVE
MY SOUL,
BELIAL.

BUT
YOU SHALL
NEVER HAVE
MY BODY.

I HAVE
PAID FOR THE
RESURRECTION
YOU WERE ME

AS LONG AS
I WALK THIS
EARTH YOU
WILL HUNT ME



BUT I WILL
NOT ALLOW
YOU



TO COME
ANY
CLOSER



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THANKS!

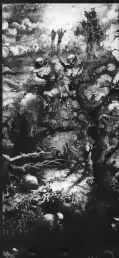


THE CYCLE
OF BIRTH
AND DEATH
WILL
CONTINUE
WITH YOU.
AS IT DID
ME.



AND EVEN
AND
REALLY
CAN STOP
IT NOW







WEA+’S +BE
TEA+ING OF
+HIS. EVAN?



ARE YOU
+HILL CRYING
FOR GOD’S
+E+EVER-
+IGHT?



OR IS THIS YOUR WAY OF
TELLING YOURSELF THAT
YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS
IS LIFE?



YOUR
A++ACH-
MENT+ +B
THIS BODY
WILL SOON
FADE.



I WILL
NOT
RUSH
YOU.

YOUR ANGER
WILL SOON
DIE AS
YOU GO
CLOSER TO
HIM. AND
WEA+ WILL
LEAD YOU
NEAREST
+B.



TALK ALL
YOU WANT



DON'T BELIEVE THAT
YOU KNOW EVERYTHING
ABOUT ME, BELLA





DO YOU
WANT TO
KNOW THE
REASONS OF
THIS?



THIS IS
FOR THEIR
FUNERAL
MSS.

I WOULDN'T
WANT TO SEND
THOSE CURSED
SOULS TO THE
NEXT WORLD
WITHOUT A
PROPER PRAYER



NO ONE
WILL GET
AWAY

YOU HEAR ME
JEROME?
NO ONE!

I SPIT ON THE FATE GOD
HAS PREPARED FOR ME!









HEH



BLOOD

THE SPELL



IT
WONT
GO
AWAY



HEH
HEH



THE SPELL
OF BLOOD

CTM



ANGGHHH



HEH



HEH



HEH
HEH

HEH
HEH...

HEH HEH
HEH...



KYAA
HA
HA
HA

HA HA
HA



HA HA
HA HA

HA HA
HA HA





ARISE...

NEIGH!

RISE FROM
THE DEAD
AND SERVE
YOUR
MASTER!



NEIGH!



NEIGH!







I COULD JOIN
YOU AT MY
JOURNEY'S
END



MY GIFT
TO YOU.



YOUR FILMMAKER
WILL GO
LONG AND HARD.

YOU
SHOULD
NOT GO
ON FOR.



EVERYTHING
IS IN PLACE.
MY FOOLISH
PRIEST.



CAN PANDORA
LOVE THE EVIL
RELEASED FROM
THE BOX?

THE MURDERER
BECOMES THE
MURDERER.
THE DESTROYED
ARE DESTROYED.



GO.
IVAN.

EMBRACE YOUR
RAGE! PAY
THEM BACK
TENFOLD FOR
THE PAIN THEY
SHOWED YOU.





NEIGHBY

NEIGHBY



RANDON'S
BOX



THE
BOWLING
POUND





I AM
LIVING A
LEGEND



THE TALE
OF NUN
DARK
HUN



JUST ANOTHER
PLAYER IN A TRAGIC
HISTORY...

THAT NO ONE
REMEMBERS





IT WAS
AROUND
THE TIME



MY JOURNEY
WAS ABOUT
TO BEGIN

...THAT HE JOINED
WITH ME THE POWERS
OF DARKNESS



THE POWERS AVAILABLE TO
THOSE WHO LIVED OUTSIDE
THE LIGHT OF GOD



AND HE WHO
HE APART THE
WINE IS GIVEN
IN THE NIGHT
TO GO.



LET US BE
EVERYTHING



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IN THE
NAME
OF THE
FATHER,
THE
SON...

...AND
THE
HOLY
GHOST



AMEN.





FATHER
LUCIAN, ARE
YOU FAMILIAR
WITH THE
ORDER OF ST
VESENTINE,
ALSO KNOWN
AS
"MICHAEL'S
SHOES"?

OF COURSE,
FATHER. THEY
ARE AN
ESCHATOLOGIC
ORDER, THAT
WORKS WITH
SATANSHIP,
ANSWERING
ONLY TO THE
POPE, BUT
DON'T...



I SEE
YOU'RE
HEARD
ABOUT
FATHER
VESENTINE'S
COMPLAINT
ANCE



THE
TRUTH
IS
MUCH
WORSE

WE'VE
MANAGED
TO
CAPTURE
THE TEN
REVENING
KNIGHTS.



CAPTURE
THE
REVENING



ALONG
THE
TO
COLUMB

FATHER FIGURED
LEAD THE
ORDER IN AN
INVESTIGATION
DEEP IN THE
AMERICAN
SOUTHWEST

WHEN HE
FAILED TO
REPORT BACK
TO THE PATRON
HE SENT OUT
MEN TO
INVESTIGATE

BUT
ONLY A FEW
WENT WEST
ON IN THAT
PLACE. FATHER
FIGURED ALL
THE OTHERS
WERE DEAD -
SLAUGHTERED.

WHEN MORE
TRAVELING
WAS SENT
HE LEARNED
FROM THE
SURVIVORS

IT SEEMS
THE ENTIRE
ORDER HAD
CONVERTED
TO THE
WAYS OF
MEXICO.



FATHER
LUCIAN

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT I
AM ABOUT
TO ASK
YOU?



YES

I DO,
MURDER



I'M READY
TO FACE THE
TESTS OF
FAITH THAT
STAND
BEFORE ME...

...IN THIS
INVESTIGATION.



FATHER
LUCIAN



THE
REAL
TEST OF
FAITH

...DOES
NOT
COME
FROM
OUTSIDE.



THOSE ARE
TRUE TESTS
OF GOD...





NOSTALGIA









WELL,
SHIT?

IT JUST
GOES ON
AND ON,
DON'T IT?



HEY
NOVOT?

HOW
FAR'DO
YOU SAY
IT IS TO
GROHSA?



WOLFMAN
SON OF
A BITCH...



YOU
SHOULD
KNOW
ABOUT
THE
PEOPLE
THAT
ARE
TELLING
LIES

WOLF!



TUP!



TUP!

TUP!

TUP!



WOLF!



IT
HIT
HELPING

THAT
THE
LAW
TAKES
THE
DOWN
US
DOWN



WE'RE ABOUT
HALFWAY
BETWEEN ST
RAULAS AND
BOZACK

IF WE
COULD JUST
CROSS THIS
DAMN
VALLEY, IT'D
BE A QUICK
RIDE TO
BOZACK

CARRYING
ALL THIS
SAGGAGE

BUT I'M
NOT SURE
IF WE CAN
CATCH
HIM

THE
STRANGER

HE'S
THE
ONLY
ONE...

...WITH
THE
ANSWERS
WE NEED

WE HAVE
TO FIND
HIM AT
ANY
COST

I THINK
I JUST
HART TO
LEAVE
THIS
FLICKING
PENNY

WASH



STAY AWAY
FROM THEM
MOMMA, LIZZIE



FOLLOWERS OF
TEMOZAPALA'S DOCTRINE
WILL FACE THE BAPTISM
OF BLOOD









ACCEPT
THE LORD
CHRIST
IN YOUR
HEART...

AND YOU
WILL BE
SAVED BY
THE SPIRIT,
NOT BY
THE FLESH



THE TEMPTATIONS OF
THE FLESH
CANNOT DESTROY
YOU IF
YOUR SPIRIT IS WITH HIM



AAAGGH!

OUT
GIVEN
HIM!
HOWEVER
IS
RAIL...

SHADE
OF A
CROSS



GOD
DAMN
IT!

I HATE THIS
RELIGIOUS
BAST



FWN!



GLT!

KE
KE
KE
KE

RYAN!

STEP
BACK
COMB!

ROCKY

JESUS
GAVE HIS
LIFE FOR
YOUR
SINS

AND
IF YOU
ACCEPT
HIS
RESUR-
RECTION...

AND
TAKE HIS
SPIRIT
INTO
YOUR
HEART

EVEN IF
YOUR BODY
SHOULD DIE
YOUR SOUL
WILL LIVE
FOREVER!

AFGH

RYAN!



OUR FATHER,
WHO
ART IN
HEAVEN.



I HAVE
 BEEN
 ON THE
 FRONT
 LINE FOR
 YEARS



GIVE US THE
POWER TO FIGHT
THE DARKNESS!











ANSWER ME!!!

IS IT
OVER?

I'M NOT
SURE.
BUT...

THE
MUTA-
TION'S
BORN
STOPPED
FOR NOW.

ALL I
CAN DO
IS SLOW
DOWN THE
PROCESS.

IF WE
DON'T
FIND THE
SOURCE
OF THE
PLAGUE
SOON...

THE
MUTATION
COULD
START
AGAIN...



AT
ANY
TIME.

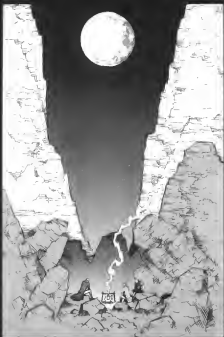


CRACK



POOF

POP







THIS ISN'T
A DISEASE
AND YOU
CAN'T
CURE IT!

YOU'LL
HAVE TO
KILL
EVERYONE
INCLUDING
ME.



LIAR.



WHAT'S
THE
HIGHEST
LIAR?

IS THE
SERIAL
KILLER
AFRAID
TO KEEP
LIVING?



YES.



SOMETIMES.

SOME TIMES
YOU
REALISE
HOW
TRIVIAL...

AND
FANTASY...



LIFE
TRUMP
IT.



SPECIALLY
BUT YOUVE
SEEN ME. CAN
I HAVE.

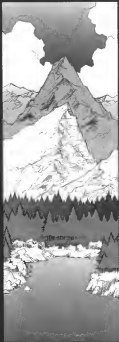




A HUMAN
BEING...

...THAN LIVE
AS ONE
OF THOSE
MUTATED
BEASTS. GUP









I'M
IMPRESS-ED?

YOU'RE
A BETTER
TEACHER
THAN I
GAVE YOU
CREDIT
FOR!



BUT I'M
SURE
YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE TO
CATCH ME
ANOTHER
TIME.

YOU SEE,
TODAY IS
A VERY
SPECIAL
DAY FOR
ME.



NO. TODAY
IS A VERY
IMPORTANT
DAY FOR
ME!

TODAY IS
THE DAY I
BRING IN
THE LEADER
OF THE
REBEL
ANGELS!



CLICK!



PANG!

PANG!

PANG!



FINE. IF
THAT'S
HOW YOU
WANT
TO...



!!



SORRY,
COBURN.

BUT TODAY
IS MY
DAUGHTER'S
BIRTHDAY.

LIBBY'S
WAITING
FOR ME!

WE'LL HAVE
TO POST-
PONE OUR
BUSINESS
TILL NEXT
TIME!

CRAZY

SON
OF A
BITCH!

THAT
DAMN
WARR
PLANNED
MY
CAREER



POP

I NEVER
COULD
LIVE IT
DOWN
WITH THE
GUYS.

AND
BEFORE
I GOT A
CHANCE TO
REDEM
MYSELF



HE WAS
KILLED
BY A
SOLDIER'S
BULLET.

STRANGE
THING IS, I
FEEL SORRY
HE HAD TO
GO DOWN
THAT WAY



YOUR OLD
MAN WAS A
FIGHTER. HE
LOVED LIFE.
NO MATTER
HOW HARD IT
GOT.



YES



...I TO
UPDRESS

HE
ALWAYS
SMILED
AT ME...



...EVEN UP
TO THE
MOMENT
HE DIED...



I KNEW THAT I
WOULD BE HAPPY
AND SAFE...

...AS LONG AS HE
WAS WITH ME.



BUT,
IF YOU
STILL
WANT
ME TO
KILL
YOU...

IT'LL
GRANT
YOUR
WISH
NEED AND
NOW

NO...!

LIZBIE

THERE
IS NO
REASON
TO GIVE
UP...

THE
MUTATION
WAS
STOPPED
FOR NOW

I DON'T
KNOW
IF YOU
BELIEVE
IN GOD...

BUT I
KNOW HE
WOULD NOT
LET THIS
SUFFER
WITHOUT
GIVING US A
CHANCE

HELP US
FIND THE
ONES WHO
BETRAYED
YOU, LIZBIE
LET'S FIND
THEIR GUILT





I KNOW
YOU SCARE
ME SOME-
TIMES
MORE

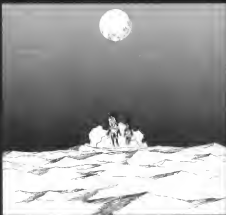


WHAT EVER
HAPPENED
TO YOU
BLACK IN
AMSTERDAM











WAIT FOR
ME... MY
HORSE...

HE IS DEAD.
I... I
CAN'T...

PLEASE

SHUT-
UP!

DON'T
LEAVE
ME
BEHIND!



WHAT

AAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AAAA
HHHH
HHH!!



SAVE
YOUR
BALLS.
SENT-
ENZA



WE'RE
NOT
GOING
ANY-
WHERE



HHHH!!
MELDYTO
SEAS?

HEH
HEH...

THAT
SHOULD
BUY US
SOME
TIME



SENTENZA!
FENSELOS
FENSELOS!



SENT-
ENZA!



BUFF

BUFF

BUFF...

BUFF...

NO...
NO...

...EL
DIABLO!



SHIT!



SOME-
THING'S
NOT
RIGHT!



DO YOU
REALLY
THINK HE'LL
GIVE UP
AFTER
TAKING
TUCOF

I
WOULDN'T
COUNT
ON IT.



OUR
LOOT'S
WORTH A
LOT MORE
THAN HIS
BOUNTY



SENTENZA

WHAT
IF...



...HE
REFUSE
THE
DIAMOND?

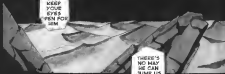


GO
AHEAD
TURN
YOUR-
SELF IN,
BLOWNE!



KA-
CACK

BUT AFTER
WHAT HE
WENT
THROUGH,
I'M NOT
ABOUT TO
GIVE UP
NOW



JUST
KEEP
YOUR
EYES
OPEN FOR
HIM

THERE'S
NO WAY
HE CAN
JUMP US
HERE!

ONE



SENT-
ENZA...
OVER
THERE!

!



ARE
ARE
ARE!



THAT'S
IT...

WEEP
COMIN'
THIS WAY,
GABTOW



LET HIM
HAVE IT!



SPLAT

SPLAT

SPLAT



WANG!

WANG!

WANG!



WANG!



HE... GOT
HEM!

OH,
YEAH!



MAD
MAD
MAD!



YOU
LOOK
WELL
CUBAN
!!

THAT'S
IT...







O'MOM,
SENTENCE
IT

WE'RE A
TEAM



UM...



UH...
UH...

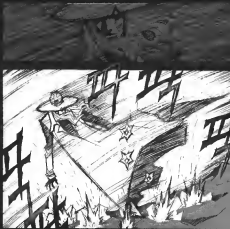
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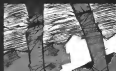








THMP



AAGH!

OH,
FUCK!







GOD OF THE
BOULDER,
HEART OF

JUST PRAY
AC RETURNS
ONE OF THE
OTHER VERY
SOON

!!

AGHHH!!







BLUP



BLUP



BLUP









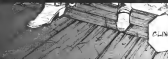


SHERIFF!



WHAT?

CLUNK



CLUNK



CLUNK

CLUNK



BOOOOAA







GASP!



THE
SENTENZA
GAPS

THEY FORGOT THE
FEDERAL BANK IN
MILWAUKEE



\$60
THOUSAND
FOR
SENTENZA

TWO (AT
ALMOST
\$20 THOU-
SAND EACH



AND I
BELIEVE
THESE



ARE THE
OTHER
GAPS



30.

I BELIEVE
THAT'S \$70
THOUSAND
YOU GIVE
ME

WELL?

YOU ARE
THE SHENNY
ABOUT YOU?

SA...

SHENNY?

THIS IS A
MATTER
FOR
MERCAL.
MAYBE...

HE DON'T
WANT THAT
MONEY IN
THIS LITTLE
TOWN

I DON'T
NEED
MONEY

IF IT'S
OKAY
WITH YOU

ALL LET
YOU TOWN IN
THE BOUNTY
YOURSELF

AN EXCHANGE
FOR ALL THE
SILVER THE
TOWN CAN
HANDLE



I
REMEMBER...



...ALL THE
GLOVES OF
HEAVEN.

THE
GARDEN OF
CLOUDS
FILLED WITH
BEAUTIFUL
SCENTS...



...SONGS OF
JOYOUS
ANGELS...



...AND HIS
HOLY
COMPA-
SION.





I'VE MADE
DO WITH
MEMORIES IN
THIS DREAM-
ING PLACE...

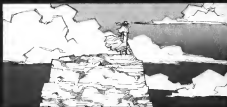
...BUT NO MORE.



ALL THAT
I LOST...



...WILL BE
RETURNED
TO ME!!











DO YOU
STILL
BELIEVE THAT
YOU WILL

JOIN THE
ARMY AND
DRINK THE
MARTINI?



AND
HE WAS
READY
FOR IT

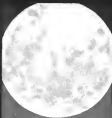
SOMEONE
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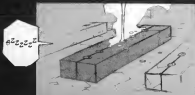


BUT THEN I
GUESS YOU
WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND

UNLESS
YOU'VE GONE
THROUGH
HELL
YOURSELF















SHOULDN'T WE TALK
HIM ABOUT
THIS—

LET
HIM BE
HE ASKED
FOR IT.

IF HE
THINKS
ANY—
THING—

OUR
TOWN
MIGHT
PAY FOR
IT AS
HELL.

HEADING
AN
OUTRIP
LIKE
THAT.

HE
NEVER
SAYS
ANYTHING
HE GETS

HE'LL
ANSWER
TO GOD
FOR HIS
BLASPHEMY
IN THIS.

—BUT
FIRST HE'LL
HAVE TO
ANSWER TO
SEVENTEEN'S
GANG.

AND I
DON'T THINK
ANYONE LEFT
HIM OFF ANY
AFTER WHAT
WE DID TO
THEIR LEADER













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